PERSISTENCE To Graduation

Monthly E-news from the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Student Success

Early Warning Tool Updates and New IC Reports Available

What do you think? Infinite Campus is close to completing the second phase of the Early Warning Tool. There are several new possibilities and we would like your input on the use of the early warning data tools and some of the new screenshots. Please take five minutes to share your feedback.

There are several new reports available to districts and schools in Infinite Campus. Please contact your local Infinite Campus district administrator to request access to the following:

- **Transient Student Population Report:** This report provides both an aggregate school report and a student level detail file about the number of schools each student has attended in the current year, prior two years and prior five years. [IC Pathway: KY State Reporting>KDE Reports>Transient Population]

- **Student Profile Tab**: The Student Profile tab displays a current snapshot of a student's in-progress grades, attendance data, behavior incidents and course work. The read-only tab allows users (i.e. counselors and school administrators) to view detailed student information. Infinite Campus created separate tool rights for each card to allow customization of the Student Profile.

- **Chronic Absenteeism Report**: This report provides a school level view and detailed report regarding percent of total time missed. [IC Pathway: KY State Reporting>KDE Reports>Chronic Absenteeism]

Please review the Kentucky Student Information Systems (KSIS) newsletters for more information.

Save The Date! 2018 Persistence to Graduation Summit

The Division of Student Success will be hosting the 2018 Persistence to Graduation Summit June 28-29 at the Lexington Convention Center. Registration costs will be free on a first-come, first-serve basis again this year. Registration and program information is forthcoming.

New Dropout Prevention Practice Guide by What Works Clearing House

Please take a moment to view a recently released What Works Clearinghouse practice guide, *Preventing Dropout in Secondary Schools*. This guide presents four evidence-based

recommendations for reducing dropout rates in middle and high schools and improving high school graduation rates. Each recommendation provides specific, actionable strategies; examples of how to implement the recommended practices in schools; advice on how to overcome potential obstacles; and a description of the supporting evidence.

Relevant Research, Practice Tips, and Briefs

Resources in the Wake of School Shootings: Child Trends has compiled a brief summary of information and list of resources to provide information that can help adults support children and youth in the wake of the recent school shootings.

Funding Opportunities: Americans Promise Alliance has compiled a list of funding opportunities from various organizations that support their five promises (i.e., caring adult relationships, healthy childhoods, safe surroundings, effective education and opportunities to serve others).

Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study: This website provides findings from the largest long-term study of brain development and child health in the United States. Topics include mental illness, drug abuse, screen time and many other factors that impact the adolescent brain.

Parental Incarceration in Kentucky: Information brief from Kentucky Youth Advocates

Free Online Course on Social Emotional Learning: The Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) provides an online course in social and emotional learning. Created in response to legislation that supports SEL statewide, the course is available free of charge to anyone in the nation interested in SEL. Developed by a consortium of Washington educators and the American Institutes for Research, the course is designed for educators, administrators, school staff, other professionals, and parents who interact with youth.

Social and Emotional Learning Can Support Educational Equity: In case you missed the webinar, you can view the recording and slides. If you'd like to stay current on SEL research, best practices and resources, take a moment to sign up to receive CASEL's newsletter.

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Implementing Evidence-Based Strategies for Preventing Dropout in Secondary Schools Webinar: The Regional Educational Laboratory Mid-Atlantic will host a webinar on March 5, from 2:00-3:30 (ET) about the newly release what works Clearing House Practice Guide for Preventing Dropout in Secondary Schools.

Restorative Justice/Practices Webinar: The National Criminal Justice Training Center will host a webinar on March 6, from 11:30-1:00 (CST). This is the 3rd webinar in a 3 part series.

Bridging the Gap between Afterschool and Workforce Webinar: Employability skills like communication and critical thinking are among the most desired by employers, but evidence suggests a gap in those skills among young workers. To address this gap, the afterschool sector is finding ways to provide high quality skill-building experiences outside of the classroom, including introducing students to new interests and potential career pathways, to create stronger connections to the labor market and empowering students to find and follow their passions. This webinar will focus on two new papers: *Afterschool and Workforce: Opportunities for System-Level Alignment*, a white paper released by the American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) and *Building Workforce Skills in Afterschool*, an issue brief released by Afterschool Alliance. Both publications examine how afterschool and summer learning can help more youth develop the competencies desired by employers, as well as discover future career possibilities. The webinar will take place March 20th from 2:00-3:15 (ET).

Save the date! Partnership for Prevention Conference: Learn about corporal punishment, home visit safety and human trafficking. This free conference will be held on Tuesday April 24 at the Green River Regional Educational Cooperative. Registration begins in March. For more information please call 270-782-3162 ext. 172.

Reengagement Network Conference: The sixth National Reengagement Network Plus! Convening will be held in Philadelphia, PA on March 19-20. Open to all, the convening will focus on activating strategies that extend opportunity from reengagement and completion of secondary credentials, to and through postsecondary credentialing.

Solutions to the Dropout Crisis Webcasts Reminder: *Solutions to the Dropout Crisis* webcasts are always offered free of cost, and no registration is required. Tune in the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 PM ET for new *Solutions to the Dropout Crisis* where you can also find recordings of previous webcasts.

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Thanks for all you do!